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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Letter of Suspension

This letter is in response to the communication filed April 20, 2006 by which applicant added claims 25-27, i.e., these claims were merged with this application under 37 CFR 1.177(c). It is noted claims 25-27 are identical to claims 18, 20, and 21 which were indicated to be allowable in divisional reissue Application No. 11/096,233. It is further noted that a Notice of Abandonment for Application No. 11/096,233 has been sent to applicant.

Accordingly, claims 1-17 and 25-27 are deemed to be allowable. Claims 18-24 stand withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

It is noted that on January 13, 2006, prosecution in this application, i.e., 10/705,666, was suspended for a period of six (6) months, per the reasons set forth below. That period for suspension has now expired.

Although this application, i.e., 10/705,666, contains allowed claims, since divisional reissue Application No. 11/096,232, claiming priority to this application, i.e., 10/705,666, has not been deemed allowable, further examination of this (first) reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, has been suspended for another period of SIX (6) months.

Once the divisional reissue application, i.e., 11/096,232, becomes allowable, the examiner will issue another requirement under 37 CFR 1.177(c) for applicant to merge the claims of the suspended first reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, with the allowable claims of the divisional reissue application into a single application, by placing all of the claims in one of the applications and expressly abandoning the other.

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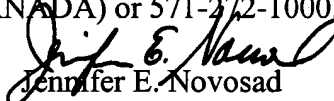
If the divisional reissue application becomes abandoned, prosecution will be reopened in the suspended first reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666

As with all suspensions, it is applicant's responsibility to call to the attention of the Office and the examiner that the suspension period is drawing to an end.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is 571-272-6832. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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